



CITY OF WILLIAMSBURG

MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commission

DATE: June 4, 2004

SUBJECT: Goals and Objectives for the Comprehensive Plan Update

Now that we have completed our initial "information gathering" phase of the Comprehensive Plan update, it is time to formulate the goals and objectives that will define the framework of the Comprehensive Plan update.

In addition to the Goals and Objectives in the Comprehensive Plan, City Council adopts Goals and Initiatives for each Biennium. In the past the Goals for each of these documents, while generally consistent, have not been precisely aligned. So, it is proposed to bring the Goals for both documents into alignment. The Comprehensive Plan will contain the Goals and more detailed Objectives for each goal, which will spell out in more detail how the Goals are to be met. The City Council's Goals for the Biennium will share the same Goals, but instead of Objectives, there will be Initiatives listed under each of the Goals. In a sense, the Council Initiatives are the specific actions for implementing the Goals and Objectives contained in the Comprehensive Plan. Both documents will work better together if they incorporate the same Goals. City Council will begin working on updating its Goals and Initiatives for the 2005 and 2006 Biennium after Council is reorganized in July.

Attached is the following information:

1. Goals for the Development of Williamsburg, 1998 Comprehensive Plan
2. Goals and Initiatives for the 2003 and 2004 Biennium, adopted by City Council
3. Comparison table listing the Goals from City Council, the 1998 Comprehensive Plan, and proposed Goals for the Comprehensive Plan update
4. Goals, Strategies and Actions, James City County Comprehensive Plan
5. Visions, Goals and Strategies, York County Comprehensive Plan

The first step for Planning Commission is to decide on the appropriate wording for the Goals for the Comprehensive Plan update. Once these Goals are decided, work can begin on the detailed objectives for each of the Goals. The final language for the goals will also require coordination with City Council.

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